

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 184

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 91—Relative to renaming the San Lorenzo River Redwoods.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 91, Figueroa. Renaming the San Lorenzo River Redwoods: Byron Sher Redwoods.

This measure would honor Senator Byron Sher by requesting that the Department of Parks and Recreation rename the San Lorenzo River Redwoods the Byron Sher Redwoods.

WHEREAS, The Sempervirens Fund, with support from foundations, public agencies, businesses, service organizations, schools, churches, and individuals, raised nearly \$13.4 million to preserve forever the forested headwaters of the San Lorenzo River in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, This 1,340 acre forest, known as the San Lorenzo River Redwoods and located eight miles north of Boulder Creek, was transferred as an addition to Castle Rock State Park increasing the park's size by 37 percent; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 50 percent of the money received was from state park funds due to the passage of the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000 (Proposition 12) and the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40). Senator Byron Sher was instrumental in securing the state's portion; and

WHEREAS, Logged just once a century ago, the property has changed hands only six times since. Since the initial logging, this land has remained untouched, revegetating according to nature's design to where it now contains over 55 million board feet of redwood. This volume of accessible redwood made the area highly sought after by timber interests who offered many millions more to buy the land from the San Lorenzo Valley Water District; and

WHEREAS, Because the property is relatively untouched, it has become a focal point of interest for scientists; and

WHEREAS, As a tribute to Senator Byron Sher's long legislative history, his strong environmental advocacy, and as recognition for his efforts to transform privately owned redwoods into public land, the Legislature requests that the Department of Parks and Recreation



rename the San Lorenzo River Redwoods the Byron Sher Redwoods; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature of the State of California hereby honors Senator Byron Sher by requesting that the Department of Parks and Recreation rename the San Lorenzo River Redwoods the Byron Sher Redwoods; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Director of Parks and Recreation and to the author for appropriate distribution.

